Introduced by Senator Battin

January 24, 2007

An act to amend Section—9002 of the Elections Code 83106 of the Government Code, relating to—elections the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 130, as amended, Battin. Initiatives: title and summary. Fair Political Practices Commission.

The existing Political Reform Act of 1974 provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing and related matters and creates the Fair Political Practices Commission to administer and enforce the act. Existing law requires the chairman of the Commission to be compensated at the same rate as the president of the Public Utilities Commission, and requires each remaining member of the Commission to be compensated at the rate of \$100 for each day on which the member engages in official duties.

This bill would require the members of the Fair Political Practices Commission other than the chairman to be compensated at the same rate as the members of the California Medical Assistance Commission. It would require the chairman of the Commission to work full time in that capacity and the remaining members to work part time in their capacities with the Commission.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a 2 /₃ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

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This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Under existing law, a petition for an initiative or referendum measure may not be circulated for signature until a draft of the measure is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a title and summary.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 83106 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:
- 83106. The chairman of the Commission shall be compensated
 at the same rate as the president of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 5 Each remaining member shall be compensated at the *same* rate of
- 6 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day on which he engages in
- 7 official duties as a member of the California Medical Assistance
- 8 Commission. The members and chairman of the Commission shall
- 9 be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performance of their official
- duties. The chairman of the Commission shall work full time in
- that capacity and the other members of the Commission shall work
 part time in their capacities with the Commission.
- 13 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers 14 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning
 - of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code. SECTION 1. Section 9002 of the Elections Code is amended to read:
 - 9002. (a) Prior to the circulation of any initiative or referendum petition for signatures, a draft of the proposed measure shall be submitted to the Attorney General with a written request that a title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure be prepared. The title and summary shall not exceed a
- 23 total of 100 words.

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- 24 (b) The persons presenting the request shall be known as the 25 "proponents."
- (c) The Attorney General shall preserve the written request until
 after the next general election.